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SUBJECT: IRAQI COMPLAINT CONERNING PIPE BOMBS FOUND OUTSIDE
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1. AMB. AL-SHAIKHLY HAS SENT FORMAL NOTED DATED JANUARY 14
1976 TO SYG WALDHEIM CONCERNING PIPE BOMB INCIDENT OF
JANUARY 12, 1976. NOTE HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT
OF COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY. TEXT OF
NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM HIM THAT ON 12 JANUARY
1976, SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT, TWO BOMBS WERE FOUND

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AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE TO THE PREMISES OF THE MISSION. BOTH

BOMBS WERE WIRED TO TIMING DEVICES AND PLACED IN A PAPER BAG AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE WHICH LEADS TO THE LIVING QUARTER IN THE MISSION OCCUPIED BY AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE AT THE MISSION AND THE FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS LATEST CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST A MISSION ACCREDITED TO THE UNITED NATIONS WAS CLAIMED BY A GROUP VARIOUSLY CALLING ITSELF THE "UNDERGROUND JEWISH ARMY" AND THE "JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE." IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE PHONE CALLS WHICH CLAIMED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT CAME BEFORE THE DISCOVERY OF THE BOMBS AND BEFORE THE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED BY THE NEWS MEDIA.

A REPORT PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES OF 14 JANUARY 1976 STATED THAT ACCORDING TO ONE RUSSEL KELNER, A SO-CALLED OPERATIONS OFFICER OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE "JEWISH DEFENCE LEAGUE", "A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE HAVE BEEN AND ARE ACTIVE WITH JDL", AND THAT "A NUMBER HAD ATTENDED LEAGUE TRAINING CAMPS OPERATED SUMMERS NEAR HUNTER, N.Y., FOR TWO MONTHS IDEOLOGICAL, PHYSICAL, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND PARA-MILITARY PROGRAMS". ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, MR. KELNER SAID THE LEAGUE APPLAUDED THE PLACING OF THE BOMBS (AT THE IRAQI MISSION AND THREE SIMILAR ONES NEXT TO THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS EARLIER ON THE SAME DAY) AS "A PROTEST TO UNITED NATIONS CAPITULATION" TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, AND THAT THE LEAGUE WOULD PROVIDE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL AID IF NEEDED.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ WOULD LIKE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO ITS PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS DATED 5 MARCH 1971 AND 11 APRIL 1975/1 CONCERNING TWO PREVIOUS BOMB ATTACKS ON THE MISSION. ONE OF THOSE BOMBS HAD EXPLODED INSIDE THE PREMISES OF THE MISSION CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE. THE SAME ZIONIST GANG WHICH CLAIMED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LATEST ACT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EARLIER ATTACKS, AND IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE CRIMINAL ACTS ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, THEY CONTINUE TO REPEAT THEIR CRIMES WITH IMPUNITY AND THEIR TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO ENJOY FREEDOM OF OPERATION.

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AS THE UNITED STATES LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO BE UNABLE TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF THESE CRIMINAL ACTS AND AS THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THEIR PERPETRATORS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS OBVIOUSLY FAILED TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT. IT HAS BECOME QUITE NECESSARY FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO START TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY THE POSSIBILITY OF THE REMOVAL OF THE HEADQUARTERS TO

ANOTHER LOCATION.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ KINDLY REQUESTS THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CIRCULATE THIS NOTE AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT
AND TO BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON
RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY.

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